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Method for Annealing Ultra-Thin, High Quality Gate Oxide Layers Using Oxidizer/Hydrogen

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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated August 21, 2001 please charge the fee of \$130.00 for the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.27 to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Please find enclosed the Declaration/Power of Attorney (2 pages), an Assignment with Form PTO 1595 and formal drawings for the above-referenced case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required. This sheet is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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## LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

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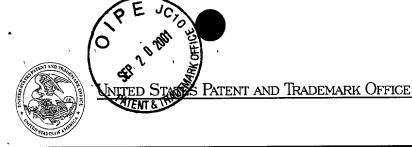
Dear Sir:

Enclosed are **FIVE** (5) sheets of formal drawings for the above-referenced case. Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated. This sheet is enclosed in triplicate.

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#### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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